

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Applicant acknowledges that claims 1-8 have been allowed, claims 9-11, 14 and 17-20 stand rejected and that claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been objected to but are otherwise considered allowable.

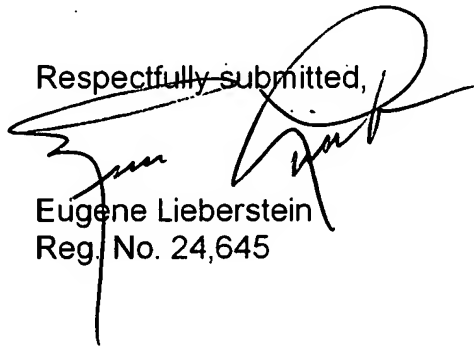
The rejection of claims 9, 10, 11, 14 and 17-19 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanayama '751 in view of Flock '083 is respectfully traversed. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 16 and all other claims to which it depends. The Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is allowable. Accordingly, claim 9, as amended, should now be allowable.

Claims 10, 11 and 14 depend from claim 9 and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons as given above. Claims 12, 13 and 15-20 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 9-11 and 14 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 and 14 is respectfully solicited.

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